Mr. Benyon rose, and thus addressed the Senate proposes, and thus addressed the Senate proposes and senated to extend the sovereignity and jurisdiction of the Unitation of the Continuence of America to the northwest."

These are the proofs, these the conventions which sensitions, without saying what is the extent and what are the limits of this territory. This is wrong, in my opinion. We ought to define the limits of unsagents are to do such acts as this bill contemplates, otherwise we commit to them the solution of questions which our agents are to do such acts as this bill contemplates, otherwise we commit to them the solution of questions which our agents are to do such acts as this bill contemplates, otherwise we commit to them the solution of questions which we find to hard for ourselves. This indefinite extension of authority, in a case which requires the utmost precision, forces me to speak, and requires the utmost precision, forces me to speak, and requires the utmost precision, forces me to speak, and left in the limit between the Russian and Britash possessions on the continent of America to the morthwest."

And this is the end of that great line! all gone—waisled evaporated into thin air—and the place titred to the treaty of 1794, it is agreed the sension on the continent of the United States feely to the treaty of Utrecht, and to not the respective territories and countries. And then is the end of that great light end to the treaty of Utrecht, and sensition of the United States and countries and to the treaty of Utrecht, but arguing against delivered of a mouse, thy mane shall henceforth be the treaty of Utrecht, but arguing against delivered of a mouse, thy mane shall hencefor the title of the treaty of Utrecht, and sensition of the United States and countries of the United with each of the treaty of Utrecht, but arguing against delivered of a mouse, thy mane shall hencefor the treaty of Utrecht, but arguing and of the treaty of Utrecht, and the right has a life of the treaty of Utrecht, and seed t

largest commerce on the north Facine ocean, and as having large territorial claims on the northwest coast of America, were the first to take the alarm and to send remonstrances to St. Petersburg against the form in the sea to the Rocky mountains, and throw thoughter, and standing side by side in this new thrown together, and standing side by side in this new and portentious contest with Russia. They remonstrated in concert, and here the wise and parific conduct of the Emperor Alexander displayed itself in the most prompt and honorable manner. He immediately suspended the ukase, (which, in fact, had remained with-pended the pended the ukase, (which, in fact, had remained with-pended the pended the ukase, (which, in fact, had remained with-pended the pended th pended the ukase, (which, in fact, had remained without execution,) and invited the United States and feated it. That power had no settlements on that Great Britain o unite with Russia in a convention to settlements on that of the content and respectably and in a spirit of mutual convenient, and rejected the continent, and rejected the continent and rejec

This is the article which governs the American houndary with Russia, confined by its precise term to the same work, refusing to take, in 1823, as the islands and coasts, and having no manner of relation to the continent. The article in the British coasts, governing her boundary, with nothing north! for although the same words, so far as the limit is concerned, and only more explicit with a specific proportion. The standard of the sould in the

act upon the great maxim, Ask nothing but what is does very well; but when he goes to issuing opinions right—submit to nothing that is wrong.

It is my ungracious task, in attempting to commence by exposing error at home, and endeavoring to clear up some great mistakes under the home of the public mind has labored.

One of the line which has abdressing his work, thus speaks upon national subjects and setting the world right about the execution of non-execution of a great treaty, and endeavoring to clear up some great mistakes under the public mind has labored.

One of the line which parts the British Hudson Bay and about the execution of non-execution of the spanish title in 1819.

The title to the Columbia river and its valley rests this government for the boundaries of his government for the continent.

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The title to the Columbia ary the authority of his government for the boundary of Canadia, the authority of his government is the authority of his governm It has been assumed for two years, and the assumption has been made the cause of all the Oregon excitement in the country, that we have a dividing line coast according to the water at the end of these discoveries, the islands and the continent of the sasumption are the Lord deliver us from the numbug. But here is the Lord deliver us from the numbug. But here is a listery of the country which he was sent to govern.

It was Major Amos Stoddard, who afterwards lost his the water and along the coast according to the treation of the Atlantic ocean, in fifty degrees thirty minutes north latitude; then southwest to the Lake Misgasing, or Mistastics. First a few dots in the water at the end of these discoveries, the islands and the continent of the sasumption and the coast according to the treation. In his useful work, modestly called "Sketches" in; from there is a list of the sasumption of the sasu with Russia, made so by the convention of 1824, Prince of Wales island, in latitude 44 deg. 40 min.; have very different degrees of evidence to exhibit. of Louisiana," he thus speaks of the northern boundalong the parallel of fifty-four degrees forty minutes, then a dotted line up north, through the middle of latitude 44 deg. 40 min.; have very different degrees. All the lands to the north of the imaginary line being assigned to Great Britain, and all southfrom the sea to the Rocky mountains, up to which Portland channel, to latitude 56; then northwestwardly known to require documents to prove them; and the "The commerce of Croza, by the terms of the patent, exour title is good. This is a great mistake. No such along the coast, and ten leagues from it, to 61 deg.; bare statement of which should be sufficient to explode tended to the utmost limit of Louisiana in that quarter, which line was ever established : and, so far as proposed and then north to the Frozen ocean. No line at the dogma of the unity and indivisibility of the by the treaty of Utrecht in 1713, was fixed at the 49th and discussed, it was proposed and discussed as a all along 54 deg. 40 min. to the Rocky mountains; Oregon title. It is not "all one title." It is not northern British, and not as a northern American line.
The public treaties will prove there is no such line;
documents will prove that, so far as fifty-four forty,
and shows you a line on paper where there is none on large geographical divisions of the from the sea to the mountains, was ever proposed as a northern boundary for any power, it was proposed by us for the British, and not for ourselves.

It is not as inty-four forty, and shows you a line on paper where there is none on the line of Utrecht; and no British and no British and no British and no British and of which the Senate has ordered ten thou. It is country, and require separate consideration and judgate and shows you a line on paper where there is none on the line of Utrecht; and no British and of which the Senate has ordered ten thou. It is the country, and require separate consideration and judgate and shows you a line on paper where there is none on the country, and require separate consideration and judgate and shows you a line on paper where there is none on the country, and require separate consideration and judgate and shows you a line on paper where there is none on the country, and require separate consideration and judgate and shows you a line on paper where there is none on the country, and require separate consideration and judgate and shows you a line on paper where there is none on the country, and require separate consideration and judgate and shows you a line on paper where there is none on the country, and require separate consideration and judgate and shows you a line on paper where there is none on the country, and require separate consideration and judgate and shows you a line on paper where there is none on the country, and require separate consideration and judgate and shows you a line on paper where there is none on the country, and require separate consideration and judgate and shows you a line on paper where there is none on the country, and require separate consideration and judgate and shows you a line on paper where the country, and require separate consideration and judgate and shows you a line on paper where the country and shows you a line on paper where the country and shows you a line on paper where the country and shows you a line of the country and shows you a l To make myself intelligible in what I shall say on this point, it is necessary to go back to the epoch of the Paraira convention of 1824 and to war I shall say on its course—cutting lakes in two, dividing neighborthe Russian convention of 1824, and to recall the reing posts from each other, and reckless of everything deg. 40 min. collection of circumstances out of which that conven- except to follow fifty-four forty. That it pursues I come to the line of Utrecht, the existence of a word on the subject, or done any thing more than from his declarations made to me and others, on the 23d of Louis XV., and whose work was done into English, except to follow fifty-four forty. That it pursues with one grow. The circumstances were these: In the year 1821 the Emperor Alexander, acting upon a leading dea of Russian policy (in relation to the north pacific ocean) from the time of Peter the Great, undertook to treat that ocean as a close sea, and to exercise municipal authority over a great extent of its entire that the Russian convention of 1824 in pursues. In Sentence of the line of Utrecht, the existence of a line of the Interval of the interval

ish and American conventions grew with Russia in the years 1824 and 1825. They are public treaties, open to all perusal, and eminently worthy of being read. I will read the third article of each—the one which applies to boundaries—and which will confirm all that I have said. The article in the convention with the United States is in these words:

Arr. 3. It is moreover agreed, that, hereafter, there shall not be formed, by the cuizens of the United States, and exhibition of the authority of the subscript of the

our own, it is the third article of the convention, and is in these words:

"Ant. 3. The line of demarcation between the posses."

In the between those mountains to the sea, and would the philosophy of our fifty-four-fortyites, who believe it to be so, and, on that belief, are ready to fight. Their notion is, that we go jam up to 54 deg. 40 min., the line of the Woods to the Pacific ocean, and would the philosophy of our fifty-four-fortyites, who believe itself have settled the boundaries of the United States. The line of Utrecht, and in the very words which carry it from the lake by the shortest course to the Utrecht, and in the very words which carry it from the lake by the shortest course to the Utrecht, and in the very words which carry it from the lake by the shortest course to the Utrecht, and in the very words which carry it from the lake by the shortest course to the Utrecht, and in the very words which carry it from the lake by the shortest course to the Utrecht, and in the very words which carry it from the lake by the shortest course to the Utrecht, and in the very words which carry it from the lake by the shortest course to the Utrecht, and in the very words which carry it from the lake by the shortest course to the Utrecht, and in the very words which carry it from the lake by the shortest course to the Utrecht, and in the very words which carry it from the lake by the shortest course to the Utrecht, and in the very words which carry it from the lake by the shortest course to the Utrecht, and in the very words which carry it from the lake by the shortest course to the Utrecht, and in the very words which carry it from the lake by the shortest course to the Utrecht, and in the very words which carry it from the lake by the shortest course to the Utrecht, and in the very words which carry it from the lake by the shortest course to the Utrecht, and in the very words which carry it from the lake by the shortest course to the Utrecht, and it is the philosophy of our fifty-four-forty-four-forty-four-fort

This indefinite extension of authority, in a case which requires the utmost precision, forces me to speak, and to give my opinion of the true extent of our territories beyond the Rocky mountains. I have delayed doing this during the whole session, not from any desire to conceal my opinions, (which, in fact, were sire to conceal my opinions, (which, in fact, were to do all that asked for them.) but because I thought to all that asked for them,) but because I thought to all that asked for them,) but because I thought to all that asked for them, but because I thought to all that asked for them, but because I thought to all that asked for them, but because I thought the source of the continent of America, the Governor of Louisiana has the south end of an island, to the dogma of the unity and indivisibility of the Oregon this extention of the treaty some forty years ago.—

I proceed to another part of the same family—the dogma of the unity and indivisibility of the Oregon this letter is an invaluable testimony of two founds to be in fifty-four forty) the Emperor Paul had garned the privileges of trade to the Russian American line never is an invaluable testimony of two founds to be in fifty-four forty to be all one assumed by the "friends of Oregon" to be all one assumed by the "friends of Oregon to the secretary's table granted the privileges of trade to the Russian American line never is not the property of citizens of the United States, and the south end of the treaty some forty years ago.—

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I better is an invaluable testimony of two the commercant as low the commercant as low the section the commercant as low to down in place of the unity and indivisional the commercant as low to down in place of the unity and indivisional the same family—the dogma of the unity and indivisional the same family—the dogma of the unity and indivisional the same family—the dogma of the unity and indivisional the same family—the dogma of the unity and indivisional the same but negotiation lags while events go forward; and now we are in the process of acting upon measures upon the adoption of which it may no longer be in the upon the adoption of which it may no longer be in the upon the Russians only the projecting part of leaving to the Russians only the projecting part of the canada merchants, for it excludes them sciences, and thence to sciences, and without regard to consequences, pass a from a country where they have been carrying on trade successfully for many years without interruption from the spaniards, having latterly pushed their commercial posts them adoption of which it may no longer be in the leaving to the Russians only the projecting part of the canada merchants, for it excludes them sciences, and without regard to consequences, pass a law upon that principle, and send our agents there to spaniards, having latterly pushed their commercial posts them accounts which it may no longer be in the leaving to the Russians only the projecting part of the canada merchants, for it excludes them sciences, and without regard to consequences, pass a law upon that principle, and send our agents there to the canada merchants, for it excludes them sciences, and without regard to consequences, pass a law upon that principle, and send our agents there to the canada merchants, for it excludes them sciences, and without regard to consequences, pass a law upon that principle, and send our agents there to the canada merchants, for it excludes them sciences, and without regard to consequences, pass a law upon that principle, and send our agents there to the canada merchants, for it excludes them sciences. power either of negotiation or of legislation to conthe continent which approaches Asia and narrows the
trol the events to which they may give rise. The
ocean into the strait which Behring found, and which
wish to keep before my eyes the first half of the great fifty thousand pounds annually." bill before us is without definition of the territory to bears his name. This is the Complaint—exclusion from Louisiana by show the statements of Mr. Greenhow, a Several copies of Hutchins's geographical work have be occupied. And why this vagueness in a case requiring the utmost precision? Why not define the boundaries of these territories? Precisely because we do not know them! And this presents a case we do not know them! And this presents a case which requires me to wait no longer for negotiation, the finite requires me to wait no longer for negotiation. The question now is, upon a few the finite requires the which requires me to wait no longer for negotiation, but to come forward with my own opinions, and to do what I can to prevent the evils of vague and indefinite legislation. My object will be to show, if I can, the true extent and nature of our territorial claims beyond the Rocky mountains, with a view to just and wise decisions; and, in doing so, I shall endeavor to set upon the great maxim. Ask nothing but what is ferent principle of national law, from that which thing, even that a Governor of upper Louisiana had court would scarcely admit it had any other northern bound-

Great Britain had consented, the non-colonization in Americal Experiment of the principle—the princi

isters. They do not, in fact, appear to have spoken writing, the above communication of Colonel Pickering: but

Great Britain to unite with Russia in a convention to part of the continent, and rejected the continent of the

In Senate, May 22, 1846.

Speech of Mr. Benton,

The motion made by Mr. Westcort, to postpone the consideration of the bills to extend the laws of the United States over Orgon, to the first Monday in December next, &c.

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Mr. Benton,

There is no boundary at 54 deg. 40 min.; the senate new proposed to make it one, it was for form the one who form the constitution of the Singh the summer and servants of the United States over Orgon, to the first Monday in the constitution of the bills to extend the laws of the United States over Orgon, to the first Monday in the constitution of the United States over Orgon, to the first Monday in the constitution of the United States over Orgon, to the first Monday in the constitution of the United States over Orgon, to the first Monday in the constitution of the United States over Orgon, to the first Monday in the constitution of the United States over Orgon, to the first Monday in the constitution of the United States over Orgon, to the first Monday in the proton gation are as as the f

question, that, in a decision of this important subject, no little stress is laid by some of its members on the line settled. All this was risked, all this was encountered, to save between France and England, under the treaty of Utrecht, the line of Utrecht! Yet we now find that line dein 1713, and that by others it is contended that no evidence nied, and all the organs, great and small, blowing actually exists that such a settlement was made under that

have ventured, in a public speech, to have placed himself the truth.

"These were at that time.' he adds, 'the true limits of Louisiana and Canada, Crozet's Grant not subsisting long af-

ter the death of Louis XIV.

shores and waters. In September of that year, the Empire issued a decree, bottomed upon this pretentian and French Canadian was the reason why, in our treaty with the Well, there is no such line! and that would seem the English and French, the line between the English and French, the line between the English country was settled in latitude to the privileges of trade within the limits of Louisiana and the English country was settled in latitude to the privileges of trade within the limits of Louisiana and the English country was settled in latitude to the privileges of trade within the limits of Louisiana and the English country was settled in latitude to the privileges of trade within the limits of Louisiana and the English country was settled in latitude to the privileges of trade within the limits of Louisiana and the English country was settled in latitude to the privileges of trade within the limits of Louisiana and the English country was settled in latitude acknowledge, is from a gentleman of Baltimore, for-

her to the Coast and islands, and leaving the continent out to the Rocky mountains, to be divided between the United States and Great Britain have between themselves. The Emperor finished up his between themselves are one that years are on the prompt that the dark as the concern. In fact, it would seem, from the promptitude, moderation, and fair most with which he adjusted all differences both with the United States are greatly and the concern. In fact, it would seem, from the promptitude, moderation, and fair most with which he adjusted all differences both with the United States and Great Britain, that his only object of seem, from the promptitude, moderation, and fair most with which he adjusted all differences both with the United States and Great Britain, that his only object of seem, from the promptitude, moderation, and fair most exploit the make none south of 51.

Here is the offer, in the most explicit terms, in first fifty-four his time the same despatch from Mr. Rush to Mr. These are the circumstances out of which the British These are the circumstances out of which the British and American conventions grow with Russia in the state of the rich of the common of the States and Great Britain, that his only object of forty-nine as the norther boundary of the same propose to not altitude on that coordinate the force. This, my gense of the work of the common day of the common day of the common distance and proposed. The common distance are the rich of t

shall not be formed, by the citizens of the United States, any established or under the authority of the said States, any established by the islands adjacent, to the north est coast of America, nor in any of the islands adjacent, to the north of fifty-four degrees and forty minutes of north estitude; and that, in the same reason there shall none be formed by Russian subjects for under the authority of Russia, south of the same parallel."

This is the article which governs the American of the united States and of the interest of the acquisition of Louisianna on the one side, and the readoning of the commissioners under the decision of the commissioners under the decision of the constitution of Louisianna, until 1818, the year of the acquisition of Louisianna on the one side, and Louisiann

is in these words:

Ar. 3. The line of demarcation between the possessions of the high contracting parties upon the coast of the such tentiment, and the Islands of America to the north wast, shall be drawn in the manner following, common the southernment point of the uland called prince of Wales island, which point lies in the parties upon the coast of the southernment point of the uland called prince of Wales island, which point lies in the parties upon the coast of the unit of \$4 dagrees 40 minutes north laitude, and between the 13tst and 13st dagrees of west longitude, (meridian of the continuate meridian of the continuate where its strikes the 56th degrees to morth laitude and of the continuation o

away with might and main to swell the loud notes of "I was somewhat surprised that General Case should denial, and to drown the voice which speaks up for

> geographical work of Thomas Jeffreys, Esq., geographer to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, printed at the corner of St. Martin's lane, near Charing Cross, London, A. D. 1753. This royal geographer, who would hardly curtail the fair proportions of the dominions to whose heir apparent (afterwards

> the 49th degree of latitude; from thence to be continued to the northwest ocean, as it was settled by commissioners under the treaty of Utrecht."

> Mr. Jeffreys adds to this description of the line of Utrecht, remarks upon the same line as laid down by what he deems erroneous in it, and takes credit to himself in making it more favorable to the French than the French had made it to themselves. The latitude of 49 to the western ocean is his limit of the

> I have said that more material has been furnished to me than I can use. Among these I must acknowledge the kindness of Mr. Edmund J. Forstall, of New Orleans, a man of letters, and who sends me a referof French manufactures and commerce in the time of

Emperor issued a decree, bottomed upon this pretension, assuming exclusive sovereignty and jurisdiction over both shores of the north Pacific ocean, one of the color of the c

The last Legislature of New York left it to a vote